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Guard unit arrived home from Afghanistan

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Ten Soldiers from the South Dakota Army National Guard's Embedded Training Team 'Coyote One' arrived home at four separate South Dakota armories on Saturday, Jan 3, after spending a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Three additional Soldiers from the team are scheduled to arrive home later this month. One additional team member has volunteered to extend his tour for an additional three months and is expected to return in early spring 2009.

A welcome home ceremony for all members of this team is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20, at the Duke Corning Armory located on Camp Rapid.

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Photo Caption: 090103-A-0245W-001: Maj. Stephen Sewell, member of the South Dakota Army National Guard's Embedded Training Team 'Coyote One' is reunited with his wife Chris on Camp Rapid on Saturday, Jan 3, after being deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Army photo by Maj. Orson Ward) (Released)

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NOTE: Since the terrorist attacks on America, the South Dakota National Guard has mobilized more than 3,100 Soldiers and 1,000 Airmen in support of the Global War on Terror.

Currently, more than 70 Soldiers and Airmen from the South Dakota National Guard remain on duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations throughout Southwest Asia and Europe. More than 4,300 National Guardsmen are available in South Dakota to provide support for state and national emergencies and homeland defense.